

BILL NO. 14 2007

AN ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF READING, BERKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA BY TRANSFERRING THE LAW REGARDING PARKING TRUCKS, TRAILERS AND MOBILE HOMES FROM CHAPTER 15 MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, SECTION 407 TO CHAPTER 10 HEALTH AND SAFETY, SECTION 505 AND RENUMBERING THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS IN BOTH CHAPTERS ACCORDINGLY WHICH WILL PROTECT THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN THE CITY OF READING AND PROMOTE THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE OF ALL CITIZENS.

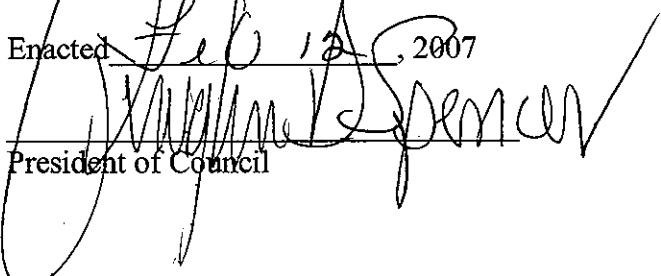
WHEREAS, the City of Reading has seen a substantial increase in complaints regarding the parking and/or storage of oversized vehicles in residential areas throughout the City causing visual blight and public safety concerns such as sight distance from driveways and intersections for pedestrian and vehicular traffic.

THEREFORE THE CITY OF READING HEREBY ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

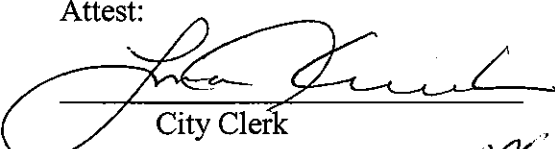
SECTION 1. Transferring the law – Parking Trucks, Trailers and Mobile Homes from Chapter 15 Motor Vehicles and Traffic – Section 407 to Chapter 10 Health and Safety, Section 505 and renumbering the following Sections in both Chapters accordingly.

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall be effective ten (10) days after its adoption and approval by the Mayor, or repassage by City Council over the Mayor's veto, in accordance with Section 219 of the City of Reading Home Rule Charter, or as set forth in Section 221 of the City of Reading Home Rule Charter.


Enacted Feb 12, 2007


President of Council

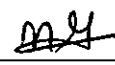
Attest:


City Clerk


(Councillor Fuhs)

Submitted to Mayor: 

Date: 2/12/07

Received by the Mayor's Office: 

Date: 2/13/07

Approved by Mayor: 

Date: 2/13/07

Vetoed by Mayor: _____

Date: _____

(Exhibit A)

§10-505. Parking Trucks, Trailers and Mobile Homes.

1. It shall be unlawful for any person to park, or allow to remain parked any vehicles, trucks, trailers, or tractors, whether attached or unattached, with a gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) in excess of 10,000 lbs. and/or higher than 10 feet for more than 1 hour unless the vehicle is involved in the actual delivery or pick up of goods, supplies or merchandise from any building, residence or business located in the following zoning districts:

- A. R 1 A, R 1, R 2, R 3 Residential Districts
- B. Residential Outlet Districts
- C. Commercial Residential Districts
- D. Commercial Neighborhood Districts
- E. Residential Professional Office

2. It shall also be unlawful for anyone to park or allow to remain parked any boats, motor homes, recreational vehicles (RV), camping trailers, trailers of any type or passenger cars *with* attached boats, homes, camping trailers or trailers of any type in the above zoning districts.

3. Each household may apply to the Department of Police, Traffic Enforcement Office for no more than 2 Temporary Parking Permits in each calendar year, unless a special exception is authorized by the Chief of Police, for the vehicles restricted in Section 2 listed above. Temporary Parking Permits will provide residents with the ability to prepare these vehicles for personal vacations or uses. These permits may only be used in the direct block where the owner resides for no more than 5 days. The cost of each Permit shall be \$10.

4. Prior to the issuance of the citation and fine, notification of this law and a warning of the penalties imposed upon violation shall be posted on the vehicle one time. Such warning shall be properly recorded in the Police Department, the Codes Enforcement Office and the Parking Authority by the issuing enforcement official. If the vehicle is not removed within forty eight (48) hours, the enforcement official shall issue a citation and may consider removing the vehicle, as stated in Section 6 below.

5. The Department of Police, Codes Enforcement Office and Reading Parking Authority are hereby provided with enforcement authority for this section.

6. In addition to the fine charged in §10-407, the vehicle shall also be subject to immediate tow at the discretion of the citing enforcement officer police officer.